

Dear Somerville Business Owner,

One of the goals of my administration is to restore and enhance the sense of ownership pride and responsibility throughout Somerville's business community. The small shops and businesses in Somerville are an integral part of our overall economic vitality. The Storefront Improvement Program, administered by our Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, offers business owners the opportunity to renovate the street-front appearance of their shops.

The Storefront Improvement Program is a fund-matching grant program available throughout Somerville to qualifying business owners and has been assisting business owners and enhancing storefronts in the City for more than 25 years. Rebates are made possible by funding from the office of Housing and Urban Development.

Find out if your business is eligible today, and take advantage of this great opportunity. We are pleased to continue encouraging the pride and strength of our local business community.



Sincerely,
Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor



A key objective of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development is to maintain and improve the quality of life for Somerville residents by actively supporting economically viable commercial districts. In so doing, we hope that these businesses will continue to contribute to the stability and enjoyment of surrounding neighborhoods. The *Storefront Improvement Program (SIP)*, summarized briefly in this brochure, has been established to aid business owners in the renovation of the street-level portion of their shops. This program, first launched in 1980, is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is administered by the Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD). In the program, businesses and property owners participating in the program are provided with technical and financial assistance for the restoration and renovation of their streetfront façade.

Storefront Improvement Program

City of Somerville

Office of
Strategic Planning &
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Development

Step-by-Step Program Guide



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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1

Find out if you are eligible! Call the Storefront Improvement Program Manager at 617.625.6600, x2536

2

If you are eligible, meet with the Storefront Improvement Program Manager, fill out the application and review the guidelines

3

Once you have your storefront renovation plans, show them to the Manager; plans are revised and approved by the City

4

Once your application and plans are approved, a contract will be issued between the City of Somerville and the storefront owner. Work on the new façade begins!

5

Once the project has been successfully completed, the rebate is granted.

*NOTE: These are abridged guidelines. To read the **complete SIP guidelines** and request an official application for the storefront program, please call (617) 625-6600 and request a meeting with the Program Manager.*



Before



After

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Before



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